GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:279
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2016
Bilateral Trade and Investment between India and Sri Lanka
Adsul Shri Anandrao ;Shrirang Shri Chandu Barne

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the India-Sri Lanka Business Forum was held during the visit of Sri Lankan Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the issues discussed therein;

(c) whether any progress has been made on the proposed Economic and Technology Co-operation Agreement (ETCA) between India and Sri Lanka;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of round of negotiations for the said ETCA; and

(e) the time by which ETCA is likely to be finalised?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.279 FOR ANSWER ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2016.

(a) & (b): No, Madam. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) had only organized a n Industry Interaction with H. E. Mr. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade, Sri Lanka on 5th July, 2016 in New Delhi. It was not a Business Forum Meeting.

(c) to (e): India and Sri Lanka are engaged in negotiating the text of the proposed Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement (ETCA). Two rounds of negotiations have already been held with the objective of expeditious conclusion of the Agreement.

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